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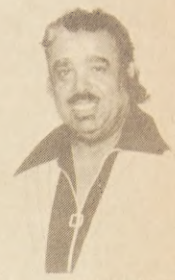

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Links Highlight 20th General Assembly with International Luncheon

FACTS photo by Jack Jett

Mrs. Margaret Bush Wilson, a St. Louis lawyer who is chairperson of the NAACP's National Board of Directors, was the guest speaker at the Links' International Luncheon at Seattle Center on Friday.

Mrs. Wilson was the recipient of a Distinguished Achievement Award presented by Mrs. Pauline Ellison, National President of Links, Inc. Among the numerous honorees for Distinguished Achievement were Mrs. Winifred Duncan, Chairperson, Washington State Human Rights Commission; Ms. Mona Bailey, State Assistant to the Superintendent of Education; and Mrs. Marlaina Kiner, Director of the Office of Civil Rights, Region X.

Mrs. Ellison made the presentation of the Links' contribution to the United Negro College Fund to Christopher F. Edley, Executive Director of the UNCF.

Earlier in the week Dr. Ruth Bacon of Washington, D.C., Director of the U.S. Center for the International Women's Year, remarked to a panel meeting that the Links established themselves as "one of the first women's groups to offer help to the U.S. effort and to stick with it until the end."

Some 750 persons from all over the country attended the national meeting, which ended Saturday.

Alberta McCray Promoted to Master Sergeant

The first female Master Sergeant in the Washington National Guard - a Black Woman.

Alberta McCray was promoted to the grade of Master Sergeant in the Air National Guard in May 1976. She is the highest ranking enlisted woman in the Washington National Guard.

MSGT McCray works full-time for the guard as a Medical Technician at Boeing Field in Seattle. She receives her B.A. in psychology this month. Her home is Atlanta, GA and she lives in Lakewood. She is single, and her hobbies include swimming, bowling, skating, and of course - being a stone fox. RIGHT ON for the Air National Guard.

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Treasury lags in equal jobs

WASHINGTON — Government investigators have charged that the Treasury Department has made "very limited progress" in assuring equal job opportunities for blacks and women at banks and savings and loans institutions.

In a report, the General Accounting Office said, "Treasury has been remiss in fulfilling its equal employment responsibilities" and urged sanctions to bring the financial institutions into compliance.

In response to the report, the Treasury Department said the GAO identified many problems treasury had previously noted and tried to correct.

The Treasury Department also said the report "did not adequately recognize major improvements which had been instituted during the past 18 months."

According to 1974 figures — the most recent available — women make up 64.7 per cent of the work force in banks but hold only 21.3 per cent of higher- ranking jobs. Minorities represent 16.1 per cent of the work force but only 5.5 of the top level jobs.

Under an Executive Order signed in 1965, the Treasury Department is responsible for administering equal employment programs for banks and other financial institutions with which they have contractual relations.

In its report, GAO said, "treasury's program has made very limited progress in insuring that these institutions are in compliance."

Uhlman Criticizes State Criminal Justice System

(Spokane, July 15, 1976) Democratic gubernatorial candidate Wes Uhlman today called for a return to "common sense" in our handling of the criminal offender.

Uhlman told reporters in Spokane that the first goal in the treatment of criminals must be to protect society, and to insure that people, their property and neighborhoods are safe. "That when someone is found guilty, they are punished," Uhlman said, "and that when punished by being sent to prison, they will stay there. That they will not be allowed to walk away and perhaps kill again. We've lost touch with our common sense notions of being fundamentally fair -- fair to those innocent by insuring their protection and fundamentally fair to those that commit crimes by telling them loud and clear that they will be punished for their crimes.

The Democratic candidate for Governor criticized the state's present criminal justice system as one which niether protects society nor rehabilitates the criminal. He added, "Today, criminals bargain for lesser offenses successfully, judges are lenient, arbitrary and capricious. Rehabilitation is a way of going home, and if by some remote chance you wind up in the joint, you play good and get out early or you take a walk over the wall. And while you're in you run the place, get drugs, loaf around, and intimidate people for kicks." Uhlman said crime pays for the criminal, adding that the street savvy offender knows the risk is worth taking because of this.

The Seattle Mayor proposed:

- A return of control of the prisons to prison officials -- limiting the rights of prisoners and protecting them from being victimized while incarcerated;
- Flat time fixed sentences for each type of crime that would be certain and mandatory;
- Public scrutiny of the plea bargaining process; and
- Legislation and administrative changes which re-introduce the common sense notion of penalties being the basis of the law.

Uhlman stated that there's no need for society to be embarrassed by failure in the way we've gone about protecting society and treating criminals. He added, "We've spent great sums of money on ideas that appeared to have merit. We now know they don't and that it's time for a change. I will bring that change."

The latest report by Dr. Robert L. DuPont, Director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse, is startling. Dr. DuPont is this nation's top expert on drug abuse and he has recently stated that after a temporary eighteen-month downturn that began in 1972 -- which was mainly due to Turkey's ban on the growth of the opium poppy -- heroin addiction is now increasing steadily in this country.

His estimate is that there are now three hundred thousand to four hundred thousand daily heroin users in the United States as compared to two hundred thousand to three hundred thousand in 1972. The main supplier according to Dr. DuPont is Mexico -- and he further estimates that 90 percent of the drug used presently in the United States is of Mexican origin.

Interestingly enough, present statistics reveal that Blacks and whites now use the drug equally and that female addiction is fast approaching male addiction.

A salient point that is generally accepted is that there is no way to "chip" (weekend, occasional use) with heroin and avoid eventual addiction.

Once addicted, a predictable trail of tears evolves. The amount of drug required to avoid physical illness increases to the extent that a desperate need for money soon exists. Crime and/or death is the inevitable end for the heroin addict.

This destruction of the lives of our young is especially poignant to the Black community as once addiction is present, usually only one out of ten will eventually be free of this dreaded killer. For a minority as small as ours these statistics are frightening.

A rise in heroin addiction is as dangerous to our community's well-being as a world war or a disease of epidemic proportions.

It is hoped that these alarming statistics, recently revealed by the Council on Drug Abuse, will spur fast and effective action on the part of representatives of government, educators, citizens, youth, the medical profession, and health agencies - to immediately coalesce into a task force to further research this serious problem - with the outcome being some viable solution to help put an end to heroin addiction before it puts an end to us. RIGHT ON!

Aid for Students

Some $650,000 in financial aid is available for needy college students this fall at Fort Steilacoom Community College, according to Chad Lewis, financial aids director.

FSCC funds are available in the form of grants, loans, work-study and tuition waivers. Both state and federal types of funds are available through FSCC.

"Need is still basic to the granting of financial aid," said Lewis. "The evidence of need is shown through the applications."

"Prospective students at FSCC are counseled in the types of aids which can best meet their needs. Usually, a package of aids is offered the needy student," Lewis said.

Lewis encourages any prospective students to contact FSCC early. Admissions are open for fall quarter.

TCC Sponsors Seattle Outing

A house plant and terrarium workshop and a tour of Underground Seattle Thursday and Friday, July 22 and 23, are sponsored by the Tacoma Community College student program board.

The plant workshop will be held in the lobby of the library, Building One, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday and will feature demonstrations and "how-to" tips.

The Seattle outing leaves the TCC north end parking lot at 10:30 a.m. Friday and will feature shopping and eating in Seattle's Pioneer Square, plus a tour of the Underground for those who buy the tickets.

For more information about these or other summer activities contact the program board at 756-5117.

Navy River/Coastal Patrol Boats to Visit Locally

Two U.S. Navy PBR's, Patrol Boat River, will be on Lake Union on Thursday and Friday, August fifth and sixth to demonstrate the Navy's versatility on conducting operations in shallow water.

The two craft will be available for display and free rides from 10 a.m. until four p.m.

PBR's are 31-feet long, 11 and one-half feet wide and weigh 16,500 pounds when fully loaded.

Armament for the sleek fighting craft consists of two .50 caliber machine guns forward, a single .50 caliber machine gun aft, a 40 MM grenade launcher and some carry 60 MM mortars.

The highly maneuverable craft are powered by two General Motors diesels that develop 220 horsepower each and are propelled by two Jacuzzi Waterjet Pumps.

Operating with a full load, a crew of four and traveling in excess of 25 knots, the high performance boats can come to a complete stop in about one boat length. This is accomplished by reversing the waterjet pumps.

Though the history of coastal and riverine warfare dates back to the Revolutionary War, current standards of fighting developed in the early 1960's when it was necessary to patrol the 4,000 miles of Meking Delta waterways and provide surveillance of the over 1,000 miles of Vietnam coastline -- the PBR's filled that role.

Now that the Coastal Riverine Forces are no longer needed abroad, they are being maintained here in the United States in a ready status in case they are needed again.

The two PBR's will put on a full-scale demonstration during the Hydro Races on Lake Washington, Seattle, at 2 p.m., Saturday, August 7th.

The visiting PBR's are attached to Coastal River Division Eleven in Vallejo, California.

Overhaul welfare setup: governors

HERSHEY, Pa.—The National Governors Conference voted Tuesday to recommend an overhaul of the welfare program to set national minimum payment levels and have the federal government pay for it.

But first, heeding conservative misgivings, the governors voted to declare that they were not advocating a guaranteed annual income.

But the time they got around to welfare, the most controversial policy issue on their agenda, the governors were in a hurry to wind up their conference and fly to Philadelphia to be received by Queen Elizabeth II. They voted 24 to 11 in favor of a policyt statement advocating minimum payment standard without specifying a figure.

The governors wound up with a statement seeking "a national minimum payment level" with variations to cover cost-of-living differentials in different regions. They said "there should be full federal financing at a federally mandated minimum benefit level," and added that Washington should pay 75 per cent of the added cost for states that want their welfare benefits to be higher.

Their statement also would require recipients 17 to 60 years who are able to work register for, and accept, jobs.

The governors did not estimate how much their program would cost the federal government.

Gov. Brendan T. Byrne of New Jersey, a Democrat, said his staff estimated that the addeu federal expense would be $3 billion to $5 billion a year.

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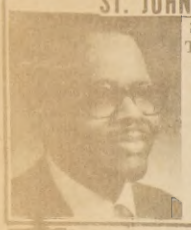

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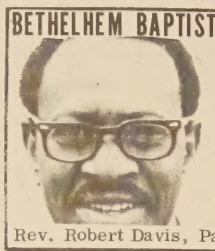

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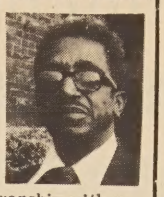

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Navy pushes equality efforts

In an effort to ensure complete equal opportunity for all its uniformed personnel, the Navy will accelerate existing programs and launch a broad range of other initiatives as part of a new and comprehensive Affirmative Action Plan.

The announcement of this new phase in the Navy's continuing effort to make equal opportunity a reality at all levels of the Navy's continuing effort to of Navy life was made today by Vice Admiral James D. Watkins, Cheif of Naval Personnel, at the 67th annual NAACP Convention being held in Memphis, Tennessee.

The Affirmative Action Plan resulted from an indepth review and study of equal opportunity problems, policies, practices and programs. The study and reveiw were conducted by a special Task Force convened last November by Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral James L. Holloway, III, USN. The announcement of the Task Force report was made by VADM Watkins on behalf of the Chief of Naval Operations.

Grambling football team, band to perform in Japan

Gambling (Special)...

Grambling State University officials announced Friday that the school's football team will play in Tokyo, Japan, on September 25 against a Japanesse university team to be announced later.

Collie J. Nicholson, director of public relations and promotions, said the game - Gramblings first outside the U.S. and third off the Mainland - grew out of negotiations for an extended trip to the Far East by the 165 member Grambling band.

Nicholson said the game has been confirmed for Tokyo's 85,000 seat national stadium, but he added that the opponent will be announced within the near future. It will come from one of three Japanesse schools.

Following the game, the football team will fly to Honolulu for an October 2nd meeting with the University of Hawaii - the second consecutive year the two schools will have played.

While the team is returning to Honolulu, Nicholson said the band, under the direction of Conrad Hutchinson, Jr., will remain in Japan, playing in such cities as Tokyo, Nagasaki, and Hiroshima, before joining the football team for the Hawaii game.

After the October 2nd contest, the band will return to Hong Kong and Seoul, South Korea, for a series of appearances to be financed through private donations and business interests in the Orient.

Hutchinson said exact details of the band trip are still to be worked out. The tour might also include Okinawa and the Philippines.

Negotiations for the football game in Tokyo started early this month with an oriental marketing firm and has enlarged to include Japanesse TV and radio networks.

The week before the Japan game, Grambling will play Temple University in Philadelphia.

Coach Eddie Robinson's Tigers, who have played before packed houses in many of the nations major cities in recent years, also have games scheduled this fall in the new Oome Stadium in Pontiac, Michigan, the New Orleans Superdome and the Houston Astrodome.

Bar 'sexist' dinners in schools

WASHINGTON — Federal officials have decided that public schools no longer may sponsor father-son or mother- daughter events because they violate new rules against sex discrimination.

That's the word quietly passed to school administrators in Scottsdale, Ariz., last week, more than five months after the officials asked if such activities were still lawful under regulations approved by President Ford last summer.

In a letter cleared through Washington channels, John E. Palomina of the San Francisco regional Office for Civil Rights wrote to the officials telling them that "functions such as father-son or mother-daughter breakfasts would be subjecting students to separate treatment and would not be permitted."

That decision applies, said a spokesman at the Washington headquarters, even if the school offers separate events with equal facilities for both sexes.

Through no public announcement has been made on the issue, the spokesman said the Palomina letter represented a policy ruling that had been approved by Peter E. Holmes, rights office director.

Violating the decision could lead to a cutoff of federal assistance or even court action by the Justice Department.

The Palomina letter, dated June 25 and addressed to Dr. Ira King of the Scottsdale school system, declared that, "if the purposes of such functions is to enhance community relations as your letter (of last February) states, (they) would be just as effective if they were student-parent affairs.

"Such an arrangement would prevent a situation which would exclude a male student, for example, who does not have a father to accompany him to a father-soon affair."

Boys Club News

The Downtown Boys' Club is sponsoring a raffle for the support of the Boys' Club Athletic Program. Tickets are on sale now for the small donation of $1.00 per ticket. The prizes for the raffle include: First prize $250.00, Second prize $100.00, and Third prize $50.00. The drawing will be held October 2, 1976 at the Downtown Tacoma Boys' Club located at 711 South 25th Street, Tacoma, Washington. You may purchase your tickets at the Downtown Boys' Club or from Mr. Dillingham at 2140 South "M" Street or call 627-7892.

DOWNTOWN BOYS' CLUB DAY CAMP

The Downtown Boys' Club will be starting a Day Camp Program July 20, 1976 for children from the ages of 3 thru 9. The hours for this program are from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. The program activities include free play, academic activities, free lunch at Malcolm X, rest period, art or science, music, and P. E. Also included in the program scheduling will be outdoor field trips. For more information about the childrens' Day Camp call Zoe Carter at 272-3044.

CAR WASH

The Boys' Club Parents' Club parents of the smallfry football team will be sponsoring a car wash to raise money to buy uniforms for the next football season. The car wash will be held July 24, 1976 at the Boys' Club located at 711 South 25th Street, from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Donation is $1.00 per car. For more information call 272-3044.

PARENTS' CLUB MEETING

The Downtown Boys' Club Parents' Club's next meeting will be held August 11, 1976 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Downtown Boys' Club located at 711 South Street. Anyone interested may attend. For more information call 272-3044.

BOYS' CLUB SUMMER CLOSURE

The Downtown Boys' Club will be closed for summer vacation starting August 23, 1976 until Sept. 5, 1976. The Boys' Club will reopen again on Sept. 6, 1976 and will be operating on the Fall schedule and hours. For further information call 272-3044.

WILDERNESS CLUB

The Boys' Club Outdoor Wilderness Club will be taking a field trip to Mount Rainier this Saturday. For further information call Jim Johnson at 272-3044.

SUMMER CAMP

The Boys' Club Summer Camp is now in progress of receiving more application for summer camp. There are only a few openings, so call now! The number to call is 272-9793.

BASEBALL GAMES

The Downtown Boys' Club Baseball Team had several games last week and the results are as follows: The T. B. C. Jets beat the Tacoma Indian Center 15-2. Because of the 10 run rule, the game was stopped in the fifth innings. The next game the T. B. C. Jets lost to N. W. B. C. K-Mart Team 15-8. It was a hard fought game. The Jets are in the play offs and will play N. W. B. C. again July 21, 1976 at Jefferson Field at 6:15 P.M.

FOOTBALL CLINIC

The Downtown Boys' Club will be sponsoring a football Clinic to be held Monday, August 2, 1976. The Clinic will start at 4:30 P.M. and be held at Stanley Elementary School. The Clinic will be for boys from the ages of 9 thru 14. All you need to bring is a pair of tennis shoes or football shoes and some old clothes. For further information call 272-3044.

News From the Red Cross

The Tacoma-Pierce County Chapter of the American Red Cross has been given the opportunity of being the Good Neighbor in yet another area of service to the community.

ADE, Aid to the disabled and elderly, is a new program designed to assist the already overworked agencies of the community in meeting the obligations to all of the people.

This interesting new volunteer service needs a coordinator who will work directly with the Red Cross Service to Military families staff. The ADE volunteer coordinator must be a very special person who has great emphathy with the problems of the disabled and elderly. She should also have administrative and leadership ability and be interested in working with people.

The volunteer coordinator will be responsible for overseeing the ADE program, attend meetings in the community that relate to the elderly and disabled, assist the ADE social service and service volunteers in helping individual clients and maintaining the records for the program.

The areas of service under the ADE project are transportation to stores, doctors' offices, etc., help with shopping, clothing repair, friendly home visiting and counseling in problems that arise.

Service can be of various types. One volunteer can have several clients to whom she can provide full services in needed areas or she can be on call for specific duty such as friendly home visits on a weekly basis.

The ADE project needs a volunteer cordinator and many volunteers who can do any of the above services. All will be working with the assistance of the American Red Cross and work out of the office at 306 South 7th. Call us at 272-3101 or come into the office for an interview to let us share your special talents and choose the days and hours you can volunteer.

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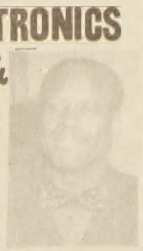

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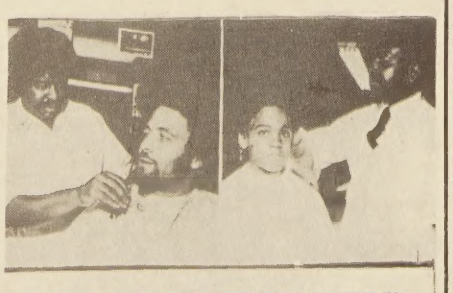

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The Wall Street West Report

by Abe Moore

Industrials Advance 8.10 to 1011.21, a 3½ year high; Turnover is Brisk....as reported in The Wall Street Journal

Fueled by favorable inflation and monetary news, the stock market's broadly based rally rolled further ahead yesterday, carrying the Dow Jones inudstrial average to its highest level in almost 3½ years. Trading continued brisk.

The industrial index, which spurted 11.13 points on Friday, climbed 8.10 points more yesterday to 1011.21; this exceeded its previous 1976 record close of 1011.02 on April 21 and was the highest since it finished at 1018 1018.66 on January 23, 1973. The indicator achieved its new high for the year on its second try yesterday; but was up 4.58 points after the first hour but ahead only 0.72 points at 1:30 p.m.

A 1976 record also was scored by the transportation index, which rose 1.18 points to 229.53. And the utility average, rising 0.51 points to 90.04, neared its year's high of 91.90 reached on Feb. 4.

Analysts cited last week's news that the wholesale price index rose a relatively moderate 0.4% seasonally adjusted, in June and indicates that monetary policy was relaxed a bit and may be eased further in coming weeks.

Promising Too Much -- as reported in Business Week

In spite of the scare stories, the Social Security system is nowhere near financial collapse or even serious embarrassment. But it clearly needs some changes -- both short-term to increase its revenues and long-term to reduce the burden on the U.S. economy.

The trouble started four years ago when Congress, on the eve of a Presidential election, presented the voters with an unusually large sugarplum in the form of greatly expanded Social Security benefits. In their haste, the legislators adopted a benefit formula that makes the system peculiarly vulnerable to inflation. In effect, benefits are double-indexed: The scale of payments to retired workers increases in step with the cost of living, and at the same time the wage base on which benefits are calculated goes up. After a round of double-digit inflation and a deep recession, the system is generating both short-term and long-term deficits.

The Administration has proposed a modest increase of 0.3% in the payroll tax paid by employees and employers to handle the short-term problem. For the longer term, it has joined business and labor groups in backing a change in the benefit formula. Its proposal would give future retirees the same percentage of their wages that today's retirees receive.

Both steps make sense. Congress should approve them early next year, when the fever of electioneering has subsided.

ETHNIC MIX—The ethnic mix of New York City is reflected in the staff of detectives headed by Capt. Barney Miller (Hal Linden) in the ABC-TV Network police comedy series, "Barney Miller," which will premiere for its second season in the fall airing Thursdays at 8:30 p.m. Top: Ron Glass (left), Maxwell Gail, and bottom: Jack Soo (left) and Gregory Sierra.

Ali prepares for 'duty'

NEW YORK — Away from the television cameras, the crowds, the microphones, the public eye, Muhammad Ali is a deeply religious man with idealistic goals, some of which he realizes can never be reached, not even with money.

Faced with the continuing struggle to rectify the wrongs of the establishment, Ali sees himself as an Evangelist, a man with a platform from which to preach to a world that has always listened to him, a man who can bridge the gap between white and black.

Devoting hours each day to studying the Koran and the teachings of Wallace Muhammad, the Muslim leader, Ali prepares for that time when he won't be able to fight with his fists for a living, when he'll have to be content to reach people with words.

Over and over, he recites his lessons:

"Our mercy and our grace should overshadow our faults." Ali says. "I try to be loving and forgiving and a helper of the afflicted. I try to relieve people in distress. I try to console the broken hearts. I try to do all I can to help God's creatures."

Whether he is liked or not, one thing cannot be denied: Muhammad Ali is a charitable man, one who believes in teaching by example.

When a predominantly Jewish old age home in New York threatened to close down because of a lack of funds, Ali came along with a $100,000 contribution to keep the home and its inhabitants healthy and alive.

When conditions in south side Chicago hospitals became appalling, Ali came to the rescue by instituting a plan to build a $60 million hospital.

When two leaders of the American Indian Movement were "unjustly accused of killing two Federal agents," Ali spoke out in an effort to bring National attention to the case.

Summer Session Openings at PLU

An examination of American Political parties will be offered during Pacific Lutheran University's second summer session which begins July 22 and continues through August 20.

Teaching the course, which will focus on campaigns and voting behavior, will be Dr. Lester P. Wohlers, a former staff officer of the U. S. State Department and the U.S. Information Agency.

Other summer shcool classes which still have openings include a printmaking course being offered by the art department, which will emphasize a photo screen print process.

Overnight field trips to the outer coastal areas will be on the agenda of a "Marine Botany" course being taught by Dr. Robert Setzer, a visiting professor from the University of Southern California. The biology department also will offer a course in "Animal Behavior".

"Learning by Doing" will be the theme of a "Creative Dramatics" workshop in communication arts department.

Poet Rick Jones will lead a study of American poets, highlighting those from the Northwest.

Authors Willa Cather and Philip Grove will be topics of analyses and critical comparisons during two English workshops.

During a Cascades Crest backpack trip offered by the physical education department July 24-31, participants will hike from Snoqualmie Pass to Stevens Pass.

There will be a workshop on exercise and the heart Aug. 2-6 and a Parcours Fitness Workshop Aug. 9-14 which will teach students how to develop fitness routines and design exercise paths.

The sociology department will offer a course in the "Sociology of Religion" and the "Sociology of Communes" as well as two workshops on "Women in Society" Aug. 11-13 and 16-18.

To register, persons should contact the office of the registrar at PLU.

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Bids are being received for rehabilitation work in the Neighborhood Preservation Program. For additional information see the Tacoma Daily Index, July 16, 1976 or contact the Community Development Department, 909 Broadway Plaza, 4th Floor, Tacoma, Wash. 98402, phone 593-4660. Bid opening July 30, 1976.

Unemployment Rate for Black Adults Lower in 2nd Quarter of 1976 Than Year Earlier

WASHINGTON -- The unemployment rate for black adults was lower in the second quarter of 1976 than a year earlier, but rates for black veterans, black teenagers and residents of metropolitan poverty areas have shown no improvement over the year.

Other highlights of the Nation's employment in the second quarter of 1976 reported by the U. S. Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics follow:

--Employment continued to increase, rising by 1.1 million between the first and second quarters. Unemployment declined by 140,000, and the quarterly average unemployment rate fell from 7.6 to 7.4 percent. (The unemployment rate was 7.5 percent in June).

The proportion of the population that was employed, at 57.0 percent, increased substantially for the second straight quarter but was below the 58.2 percent high in the first quarter of 1974.

--The unemployment rate for female household heads dropped over the quarter, while that of male heads was about unchanged. The female household head rate, however, was 2 percentage points higher than that of males.

--The number of discouraged workers held about steady during the quarter, following declines in the prior 2 quarters. At 900,000 their number was 250,000 below the third quarter 1975 peak level. The bulk of this decline had occurred among women, and it was proportionately greater among blacks than whites. All of the improvement was among those citing job-market factors as the reason for their discouragement.

--Among other worker groups with special job-related problems, unemployment rates for persons of Spanish origin, and white veterans were lower in the second quarter of 1976 than a year earlier.

Included in this report are quarterly data on the labor force situation for the Nation as a whole as well as that of selected population groups, such as white and black workers, persons not in the labor force, Vietnam-era veterans, persons of Spanish origin, and residents of poverty and nonpoverty areas.

For the second quarter of 1976, as in the past, the data show that the vast majority of persons not in the labor force have no current desire for a job. The data continue to indicate that the unemployment rate for persons of Spanish origin was below the rate for blacks but above that for whites, and that jobless rates among poverty area residents are higher than among nonpoverty area residents.

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Valerie Townsend Receives Commendation

SP5 Valerie Townsend received an award of commendation from General Buchanan, 81st Infantry Brigade Commander, for the Washington Army National Guard. SP5 Townsend was commended for her excellence in Field Training exercises and her devotion to duty during Summer Camp at Yakima Firing Center.

Valerie lives in Spokane and works for Boise Cascade as a millwright, which she says she enjoys much more than doing traditional "women's work". She has been in the National Guard for 3 years and says she really digs it, especially the money and training she gets from belonging to the Guard.

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June 29, 1976

Sealed bids will be received by the Washington State Highway Commission, at District #3, Department of Highways, Tumwater, Washington on Thursday July 29, 1976 until 3:00 P.M. will then and there be opened and publicly read for the construction of the improvement listed below. This is a District Three Contract.

Bid proposals delivered in person will be received only at the Department of Highways Reception Desk located in the foyer of the District Office Building, 5720, Capitol Blvd., Tumwater, Washington.

Mailed proposals shall be addressed to Post Office Box 327, Olympia, Washington 98504.

Special prequalification will be required for those bidders not currently prequalified under standard prequalification. The Special Limited Questionnaire, included with each set of plans must be completed and furnished to the District Engineer, District 3, Department of Highways by no later than 12:00 Noon on July 22, 1976. Proposals will be mailed no later than July 23, 1976, to those who are prequalified.

This project is advertised in order to enable small business and minority contractors to effectively compete for Highway Department contracts.

Prequalification forms, maps, plans and specifications may be obtained from the District 3 office upon written request therefor and payment to the State Treasurer, Department of Highways, by cash, check or money order in the amount set forth below for each copy of such maps, plans and specifications.

Informational copies of maps, plans and specifications are on file in the Office of the County Engineer of the County in which the work is situated, the Chapter Offices of the Associated General Contractors of America in Seattle, Portland and Tacoma, the offices of the District Engineers of the Department of Highways, District 1, 3 and 4, and the offices of the Minority Contractor Associations in Tacoma and Seattle, where they may be inspected. Plans furnished for the plan fee are 12" x 18".

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By J. D. Zirkle
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Why whites earn more

Blame skill lag, bias for pay gap

MADISON, Wis.-- Two of four major reasons cited for blacks earning less than whites were rejected by an associate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Institute for Research on Poverty.

Stanley H. Masters believes that differences in productivity and discrimination in hiring are both important reasons. He knocks down, however, the belief that the blacks' southern legacy or housing segregation causes the earning gap.

Writing for the institute's monograph series, Masters stated:

"We can be confident that both labor market discrimination and differences in scholastic achievement have important effects. Reductions in this discrimination, especially for the better jobs, should provide blacks with a greater incentive to obtain a good education. At the same time, improvements in black education might reduce white tastes for discrimination and thus lessen labor market discrimination.

"Direct efforts to improve the quality of education available to black persons and to reduce effective discrimination in the labor market stand to have the best payoff in reducing the economic inequality caused by earning differences between the two races."

Masters recommends strong affirmative action programs, particularly programs of government contractors. He also contends that schools in black neighborhoods should have as many resources available to them as white schools, and that black community control of schools should be encouraged.

"This would make these schools more responsive to the needs and preferences of black students and their families and lead to reduced skill differentials between blacks and whites."

Of three views to reduce discrimination, Masters goes along mainly with that held by liberals--placing great emphasis on legislation, arguing that the forces of competition are not strong enough to reduce discrimination, and rejecting the conservatives's implicit assumption that legislation will not affect white attitudes towards blacks.

Masters found little to favor in the conservatives' stand that stresses efforts to change tastes and to strengthen economic competition as automatically helping to combat discrimination while opposing legislation.

Gets $25,000

Former TV personality, Tasha Johnson, of "Treetop House" fame, said yesterday she had received a check for $25,000 stemming from the paternity suit she won against Patrick Arbor, the white businessman who fathered her one-year old daughter, Kelly. She added that he also was to pay legal fees in connection with the settlement in lieu of child support, which amounted to nearly $3,600.

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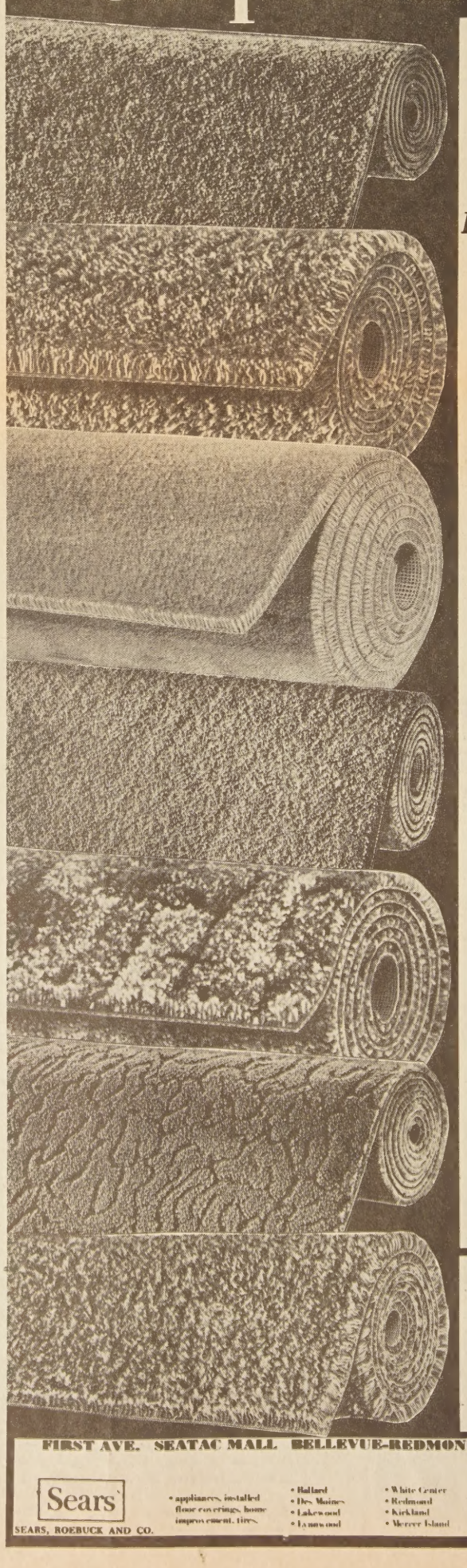

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